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JOSEPH BATTELL DEAD.

Prominent Vermonter and Trustee of College Dies in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Joseph Battell, editor of the Middlebury Register and one of the prominent citizens of Vermont, died at the Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D. C., Tuesday, February 23.

About seven weeks ago, Mr. Battell left his home in Middlebury for a trip South. After a few days in Washington, he went to Miami, Fla., visiting also other cities in that State. Returning he again stopped in Washington, whence word was received on Sunday, February 7, that he was seriously ill. Professor Thomas E. Boyce went to his relief and an operation was found necessary, which was performed at the Georgetown University Hospital, Friday evening, February 19. All efforts of the best surgeons and physicians were unavailing, and the patient steadily declined until Tuesday evening, when the end came. The body was brought to Middlebury Thursday afternoon and taken to the Battell homestead on Main street. The funeral services were held in the Congregational church and were conducted by Dr. Ezra Brainerd, assisted by Rev. A. A. Lancaster, pastor of the local Congregational church. The attendance was large from Middlebury and surrounding towns, including several trustees of Middlebury College. Dr. Brainerd delivered a eulogy on the life of Mr. Battell. Mrs. Edgar J. Wiley played the organ for the hymns which were sung by the congregation. The bearers were John H. Stewart, John A. Fletcher, Warner Bott, Philip B. Manchester, Thomas E. Boyce, and John M. Thomas. The burial was in the family lot in West cemetery.

Joseph Battell was born in Middlebury July 15, 1839. His parents were Philip Battell, a native of Norfolk, Conn., who graduated from Middlebury College in 1826 and resided in this village from 1838 until his death in 1897, and Emma Hart (Seymour) Battell, a daughter of Hon. Horatio Seymour, United States Senator from 1831 to 1833. The only other child of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Battell was Emma, the wife of Governor John W. Stewart. Mrs. Stewart died in 1900, and aside from Governor Stewart, his brother-in-law, Mr. Battell is survived by his nephew, Mr. Philip B. Stewart of Colorado Springs, and his nieces, Miss Elga Stewart and Mrs. Charles Swift.

Mr. Battell entered Middlebury college in 1856, a member of the class of 1860. Among his class-mates were Dr. Henry F. Walker, Henry H. Vail, Elijah B. Sherman and Dr. M. H. Eddy. Ill health compelled him to give up his studies during his Junior year, and he spent some time in travel abroad. Returning to Middlebury in 1865, he purchased a farm in Ripton and a tract of mountain land, out of which grew the well known Bread Loaf Inn and his extensive holdings of mountain and forest land. The Inn was enlarged

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JUNIORS LEAD IN BASKET BALL SERIES

Seniors Hold Second Place. Final Games to be Played Next Week.

With the season almost at an end the Junior basket ball five finds itself in the lead by a narrow margin, while the Senior team is a dangerous follow-up. On the evening of February 10 the Senior team defeated the Juniors 14-8, but the Juniors retaliated by easily defeating the Sophomore and Freshmen teams at the two following contests with the respective scores 30-11 and 24-6. The Seniors again met but were defeated by the Juniors February 19 24-15 in a hard battle, while the latter team averaged up again by defeating the Sophomores 14-10 the next week. The Seniors in the meantime defeated the Freshmen 23-6 on February 12 and again on the 24th 18-12, and were defeated by the Sophomores on February 17th 24-15.

The Sophomores, who hold third place in the running were defeated by the Freshmen on February 10th 20-14, by the Juniors February 12th, and on February 24 were again defeated by the Juniors, but won over the Seniors on the evening of February 17th.

The Freshman team, which seems to abound with good material, has been unfortunate in team work, has lost four games since February 10th, twice to the Seniors, February 12th and 24th, once to the Juniors, February 12th, and once to the Sophomores, February 17th. They won over the Sophomores on February 10th.

The Junior team has been playing well together, and has been materially strengthened this season by Ferguson, who seems to be able to shoot baskets with his eyes shut. Ferguson has totalled more baskets than any man on the floor this season. The Seniors have played consistent ball with the usual stars, MacLaughlin and Jones in the foreground, but have been materially handicapped by the loss of Kron in several games. The Sophomores were greatly strengthened in mid-season by Hard, who has been playing a wonderful guarding game, working havoc in the opposing teams, while Hubbard has been shooting baskets with his usual skill. Captain Parker and Good have been playing fine games for the Freshmen, both of whom would be good men for any team, but the five has lacked in team work all season.

The teams now stand: Juniors first, Seniors second, Sophomores and Freshmen. The final series of games promise to be the best of the season and will be played next week.

To Go to Virginia.

Prof. Raymond McFarland of Middlebury college, has been appointed lecturer in education at the summer school of the University of Virginia. The university is one of the largest in the South with an enrollment of 1300 students at the summer term.

PHI BETA KAPPA INITIATION.

Talcott Williams of Columbia to Give Address. Initiates All Vermonters.

The public exercises of the Phi Beta Kappa society will be held in the McCullough gymnasium on the evening of March 19th at 8 o'clock. The address of the evening will be given by Talcott Williams, L. H. D., LL D., director of the School of Journalism at Columbia University on the subject "The Old Learning and the New." The initiates at this time are Elbert Cole of Orleans, Vt.; Carroll W. Dodge of Pawlet, Vt.; Fannie O. Gill of Springfield, Vt.. and Mary H. Buck of Waterbury, Vt. A later initation will take place commencement week.

Funeral of Mrs. Marion Thomas.

The funeral of Mrs. Marion Thomas, mother of President John M. Thomas, was held Sunday afternoon, February 28, at two o'clock at the home of President Thomas on College street, the Rev. A. A. Lancaster of the Congregational church officiating. A great number of college students attended the services. A quartette, consisting of Prof. and Mrs. E. D. Collins, Prof. G. W. Cunningham and Mrs. E. J. Wiley, sang "Homeland" and "Still, Still with Thee". The bearers were President Thomas, Ralph Denio of Bristol, Prof. E. C. Bryant, Dr. S. S. Eddy, J. A. Fletcher, and Prof. V. C. Harrington.

Mrs. Thomas was born in Poultney, Vt., March 27, 1840, the daughter of Andrew J. P. and Huldah Thompson Martin. In her childhood her parents moved to Malone, N. Y. After graduating from Franklin Academy, Malone, she became a teacher, first in district schools and later as preceptress of the academy.

In 1865 she was married to Chandler N. Thomas, and for seventeen years her home was in the Presbyterian parsonage at Fort Covington, New York. Mr. Thomas's subsequent pastorates were at Port Henry, N. Y., New Haven, Vt., and Bristol, Vt., in all of which Mrs. Thomas was an efficient helper. For the past six years her home has been in Middlebury. She is survived by a brother, John J. Martin of Malone, N. Y., and three sisters, Mrs. Joseph F. Wright, Mrs. Nelson H. Miner and Mrs. Charlotte Wood, all of Malone. Besides the children of President Thomas, two grandchildren, daughters of the late Frank W. Thomas, survive, their home being in Castle Rock, Colo.

"The Tempest" will be presented in the Gymnasium by the Women's College March 12 and 13. The cast will be large and has been well trained for their parts under the direction of Dean Throop. The play is to be held for the benefit of the Women's Athletic Association.

LETTER ON INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

Carnegie Endowment Bring Cheer. International Peace Possible.

The trustees of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace send a word of cheer during this period when it would seem that International Peace is farther than ever from realization. A letter from this body, dated February 16th reads as follows:

The undersigned have been associated for some years in the execution of a trust to promote international peace and our duties have involved a continual survey of the efforts to that end throughout the world.

We wish to say to all friends of peace that the dreadful war now raging affords no just cause for discouragement, no discredit to past efforts, and no reason to doubt that still greater efforts in the future may be effective and useful.

The war itself is teaching the gospel of peace through a lesson so shocking and so terrible that the most indifferent can not fail to attend and understand it.

The universal interdependence of nations has been demonstrated and the truth forced upon every mind that the peace of all nations is the vital concern to every nation.

To cast our weak protest now among the tremendous forces that are urging on the great conflict would be futile; but the end of this war will come before long and then the great question will stand for answer:

Shall the lesson be forgotten; the sacrifice lost?

That question the belligerent nations only will have the power to answer; but everyone in the world will be entitled to be heard upon it, for it will be a question of civilization, the most momentous of our era.

It seems incredible that after this the stricken people will set their feet in the same old paths of policy and suspicion which must lead them again to the same result.

Finding expression through a great multitude of voices everywhere the general public opinion of mankind should influence the minds of the negotiators who settle the terms of peace and inspire them to a new departure in the establishment of justice as the rule of international relations.

While we must not be overconfident of our individual qualifications to point out the detailed methods through which the result may be accomplished, we may still advocate measures which seem practicable and appropriate to the purpose.

We can see that the definite rules of national conduct should be agreed upon; that a court of competent jurisdiction should be established to judge of national conformity to those rules; and that new sanctions should be provided to compel respect for the judgments rendered.

Commencement day will be observed this year Wednesday, June 23d.

The Middlebury Campus.

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EDITORIAL.

College Loyalty.

When Daniel Webster was arguing the Dartmouth college case before the Supreme Court of the United States, —one of his greatest forensic efforts,— he uttered these words, in a volce broken with emotion: "It is, sir, as I said, a small college. But there are those who love it." Dartmouth is not so small now, but it is still the object of love; all the more because now it numbers its graduates by thousands. And what is true of Dartmouth is true of every university, large or small, throughout the land.

This is the season of local college reunions. Yale men, Harvard men, Michigan men—alumni of hundreds of institutions scattered over the country —meet annualy to renew their acquaintance and quicken their friendship; to laud the college from which they took their education, and to devise means to make it bigger and better. A little association, which can muster only a handful of graduates in a city far removed geographically from their ALMA MATER, is as enthusiastic and as devoted in its loyalty as the largest gathering of alumni of the greatest university in the land.

Not so do the alumni of foreign colleges act. Who ever heard of a gathering of graduates of Trinity college, Cambridge, or of the University of Berlin, or of any other similar institution outside the United States? The graduates of those foreign seats of learning are proud of their famous alumni, and praise the learning that has made their professors men of mark; but they do not assemble for the purpose of pledging loyalty to their ALMA MATER. They have nothing that corresponds to the class friendships of this country. Although they may have become wealthy they never think of bequeathing anything to their college. They have no college yells. In short, they do not in any sense personify the college as something, or rather someone, to be loved and cherished and repaid for what it has done for them.

For us, at least, our way is the better. It enlarges our sympathies, gives us group friendships that otherwise we should not know, and leads directly to the enlargement of the funds, and consequently the opportunities for usefulness, of our higher institutions of learning. What college man would willingly give up his college friendships, the earliest and most lasting of all outside his own family? College loyalty is one of the most precious of "Americanisms."

Librarianship for Young Men.

(Reprinted from a pamphlet issued by the New York State Library School.)

Perhaps the least known of the occupations that should prove particularly congenial to college men of bookish tastes and a desire to do social service is librarianship. Yet there are few lines of work in which more varied ability is desirable. A high degree of executive ability is demanded for the administration of a large library with its many different lines of activity. Business judgment is necessary to make a limited income supply increasing needs in books, periodicals, and service. Literary skill is needed to determine what reading matter should be purchased to serve best the needs of library's patrons. Much technical skill is needed in cataloging and in bibliographic work. Intimate knowledge of books and an equally intimate knowledge of human nature are essential for reference work. By strengthening and supplementing the school course, by promoting local industries through furnishing the best technical literature relating to these industries as well as in furnishing reading for culture and recreation, the library may become a civic center and a real social force. In few other lines of work is it so essential to be throughly up-to-date and in touch with the life of the community, for no one can make books do their full service who is not in sympathy with the real life they interpret. Scholastic seclusion is no longer possible in an efficient library except in very special lines of bibliographic or clerical work.

The steady growth of the library movement is assured. Its development is limited only by the service the libraries render their patrons. The growing independence of the textbook in schools, the rapid changes in industrial methods which make up-to-date private working libraries prohibitive in cost to most persons, and the growing recognition of the part which literature and art should play in American life are only a few of the many things which are making public libraries a necessity, not a luxury.

As yet the supply of alert, well-prepared young men trained in library methods is not equal to the demand. Moreover, the positions for which young men are required or strongly desired are increasing in number. As in many other lines of work largely social or intellectual, salaries are not excessive but even here the young librarian is often better off than the average minister or teacher and often as well off in salary as the engineer or lawyer of equal experience. Graduation from a reputable library school practically assures any young man of average ability an initial salary of from $900 to $1200. The salaries of librarians in general are increasing and the prospects for further promotion to better paying positions are bright.

In the more responsible positions as department heads in large libraries or as heads of libraries salaries for men range anywhere from $2000 to $7000 or more. The tenure of office is usually secure and largely dependent in most cases on the incumbent himself.

Social Service Work.

In reading over the history of Middlebury College, one of the things that makes the strongest impression upon the thoughtful and sincere student is the long list of men who have gone out from the college, and have given up their lives for the betterment of their fellows in some form or another of Christian Service. The list is a long one and brings to one's mind thoughts of the visions that these men must have seen, and of the inspirations that they must have gathered here along that line, to have caused so many of them to decide that the life worth while lay in service.

Today as we mingle with the fellows, we find that those ideals, those visions, and those inspirations are still here, and that a still larger proportion of our men have decided to follow in the footsteps of those honored Alumni.

We find that there are men here today, and many of them whose solemn determination, made after long nights and days of thought and consideration, is to consecrate themselves and their greatest abilities to this same work.

The purpose of this article is an appeal for real and practical service now on the part of these fellows. It is a fact that most of them are eagerly looking for the opportunity and would gladly do some active work if they could see their way clear to doing so. They feel that the opportunity is lacking.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Middlebury is looking for these men and desires with all its power to find them. It has great plans for the coming year in Middlebury, and if these plans are to materialize it must have helpers. It knows of plenty of work to be done, of young fellows to be helped, and its call is for the consecrated young college men who will volunteer to aid in its work. If any young fellow desires to be of value in doing definite Christian work here is his opportunity. The Association can do nothing without workers, but it can do a tremendous amount of good with them. All who take part in it will have the real satisfaction that comes from knowing that they are taking part in a work that is worth while, and one that is a splendid preparation for a future filled with usefulness and success.

Some of the plans of the Association for the coming year are as follows:

(1) Organization and conduct of Boys' Bible Classes. Leaders are needed for this, earnest, strong fellows, who remember the problems that troubled them when they were boys and who, in the light ef greater experience know how to solve them.

(2) Extension of Courses in English for Foreigners. Fellows are wanted for this who have patience, ability, and the desire to see a better class of citizens springing from our foreign population.

(3) An increase of membership in the local Association. An opportunity is here given for fellows of executive ability and organizing powers to show what they can do.

(4) A larger number present at the Thursday evening meetings. Fellows can do their room mate, their friend, their fraternity brother much good by persuading him to attend these meetings and listen to the excellent talks given by the carefully selected men who speak there.

Here is a challenge to the Christian men of Middlebnry to do service along four definite lines. Will we accept the call or will we let it pass by unheeded? The answer lies with you. Men who wish to take advantage of these opportunities should speak to the chairman of the local service committee and they will be given work to do. Who will be the first?

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STUDENT NOTES.

Miss Marguerite Ryalls, a sophomore at St. Lawrence university visited Miss Louisa Bullis recently.

Miss Ethel P. Gorton, '16, transferred from Middlebury to Barnard college at the beginning of the second semester.

Mrs. Ezra Brainerd entertained the fraternity at a tea at her home a short time ago.

The annual Sigma Kappa initiation, followed by a banquet at the Addison, was held Saturday, February the twentieth. The following alumnae were present: Mrs. Ezra Brainerd, Iowa alpha, Mrs. Ralph Denio, '96, Florence Allen '98, Mrs. Philp Crane, '03, Mrs. Scott '03, Louise Chaffee, '08, Mrs. John Rowell '10, Miss Carmen R. Walker '11, Alice W. Barnum, '12, Mrs. Alice Fisher, ex-'12, Helen Harriman, '13, Florence Aseltine, '14, Charlotte Jenne, '14, Ethel Magoon, '14, Florine Parker, '14, Elizabeth Chalmers, '14, Ruth Stewart, Vermont Beta.

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several times and a number of cottages and other buildings were added. It has entertained many distinguished guests and has been a favorite resort for people of quiet tastes, all of whom regarded Mr. Battell as a friend. In 1910 Mr. Battell presented to the State of Vermont a tract of land including the summit of "Camel's Hump," which he preferred to call Mount Ethan Allen.

It was through his generosity and encouragement that the United States acquired the Morgan Horse Farm in Weybridge in 1905. He presented about 600 acres to the Government, with extensive farm buildings. This valuable addition to the attractions of this vicinity and stimulus to one of its leading industries was due entirely to Mr. Battell's initiative.

Mr. Battell was a tireless worker for public improvements in the village and town of Middlebury. Among the monuments by which he will be remembered many years are the Battell Block, one of the largest and best equipped business structures in Vermont, and the Battell Bridge over the Otter in the center of the village. He not only contributed largely to the cost of the bridge, but urged the raising of the street, which has so greatly improved the village, and provided for the removal of unsightly structures where are now the fountain and park. Improvement of the village was on his mind, rather than financial return, in the erection of the block which bears his name.

Charitable enterprises of all kinds, irrespective of creed, was assisted by Mr. Battell. He was a generous giver to Middlebury College, of which institution he was a trustee. He was elected a member of the Corporation in 1881 and in point of service was the oldest member of the Board except Governor Stewart. When the fund for Pearsons Hall was collected in 1908, he provided the magnificent site on which it stands, donating for the purpose some 35 acres of land which he had been acquiring for the college through a period of years.

Mr. Battell was an indefatigable writer, several volumes testifying to his wide interests and tireless energy. In the well known "Ellen", a philosophical novel, are preserved many of the Vermont scenes he loved so much. A work of great value is "The Morgan Horse and Register," in three volumes, in which is gathered more information concerning the famous Vermont horse than can be found in any other source, much of which would undoubtedly have been lost except for Mr. Battell's self-sacrificing labors. Another valuable work is "The American Stallion Register", of which the third volume is now in press.

At different times Mr. Battell was the owner of many famous Morgan horses, including the noted stallions Daniel Lambert, General Gates, whom he sold to the United States, and the ribbon winner, Scotland. His love for fine driving horses occasioned his dislike of automobiles on country roads and his efforts to make the highway safe for pleasure driving.

Mr. Battell was a Republican, and in recent years a Progressive. He was an ardent follower of Mr. Roosevelt. For many years he was active in local and State politics, having served in the Legislature eight terms, seven in the House and once in the Senate. His last public office was representative from Middlebury in 1910.

The celebrations of Forefathers' Day in Middlebury owed much to Mr. Battell's interest, as they did to that of his father, before him. Although in recent years he did not often attend, he was active in seeing that the celebrations were kept up. In town and village meetings and in school meetings Mr. Battell was always an active participant when he was in town. His views were positive and earnestly expressed, but they were always on the side of improvement, and he invariably held the respect even of those who differed from him.

Mr. Battell's writings contain many earnest tributes to religious faith, He was a Congregationalist. He was never married, but made his home in his rooms in the Battell Block, at the Bread Loaf Inn in summer, and in recent years he spent several winters in Washington and Florida. In 1884 he purchased the Middlebury Register, since which time he has been its editor and publisher.

H. W. Abbott, '14, has accepted a position as assistant chemist with the Aluminum Company of America at Massena, N. Y.

Heath, '18, has returned to college.

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Karl W. Davis, who was confined to his home by an attack of tonsilitis, has recovered.

Homer Harris, who has been visiting at his home here, has returned to Montpelier.

Channing H. Greene, '18, of North Brookfield, Mass., has returned to college.

The women of the college will present the Shakespearean drama, "The Tempest," at the McCullough gymnasium on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 12 and 13.

E. J. Davis of Chester, who has been the guest of his son, Karl Davis, has returned.

Miss Dorothy Harris, while skating recently fell and badly dislocated her left knee.

The annual initiation and banquet of S. K. was held February 27. The initiates were Marion Deane, North Pownal, Elsie Foote, Vergennes, Marguerite Jones, Mansfield, Mass., Elsie Montieth, Stanley, N. Y., Helen Newton, Oxford, Mass. Among the guests were Mrs. Roy Whittemore, Delta, Mrs. Grace Dowde, Julia Carter, Bessie Cudworth, Jessie Haskins, Mae Guerin, Gladys Wilson, Harriet Blakeman, Harriet Grandy, and Eunice Cady.

Calendar.

March 11. Thursday at 4:00 p. m. Y. W. C. A. meeting in the Hemicycle. Election of officers.

March 18. Thursday at 4:00 p. m. Y. W. C. A. meeting in the Hemicycle. Leaders, old and new presidents. Topic, "Looking Backward and Forward.

March 9. Tuesday night at Pearsons hall. Current Events, Chairman is Josephine Tracy.

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ALUMNI NOTES.

'01. B. L. Stafford has been elected recently mayor of Rutland, Vt.

'14. Miss Charlotte Jenne, who has been in town for a few days, has returned to Hampton, N. H.

'11. Miss Carmen Walker of Ludlow recently visited former college friends.

'14. Miss Florine Parker, who has been visiting friends at Pearsons hall, has returned to Boston.

'14. Miss Elizabeth Chalmers of Fitchburg, Mass., was the guest of friends at Pearsons hall recently.

'14. Principal R. Stewart Esten of the Enosburg Falls High school, who has been visiting at the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity house, has returned to Enosburg Falls.

'12. Earle Tracey of the Brandon High school has been a recent guest of friends in town.

'08. Rev. and Mrs. Roy D. Wood, of the Plattsburg Baptist church, have met with a great affliction in the death of their little son, Burton S., aged two years and seven months, who died early in the morning of February 22, of meningitis of the brain. Their great comfort in this affliction has been the tender sympathy of their many friends.

Nelson C. Dale, '03, is now professor of geology at Hamilton college. Since graduation he has studied at Brown and Princeton and has done much field work, especially in California and Labrador.

Hobart B. Potter, jr, '13, of Newark, N. J., and James L. Richmond, '08 of New York city, were recent guests.

Benjamin Fisher, '14, was a visitor at the college last week.

'62. The Daily Argus-Leader of Sioux Falls, S. D., contains the following appreciative notice of a graduate many will remember, Hon. Park Davis, of the class of 1862:

To few men is given the privilege of celebrating two golden anniversaries, but this is the allotment of a kind Providence to Judge Park Davis of this city. On October 27, 1913, Judge Davis celebrated his golden wedding, having been married to Miss Delia S. Gray at Townsend, Vt., on October 27, 1863. In September, 1864, Mr. Davis was admitted to the practice of law in Vermont, and he began the actual practice of his profession at St. Albans, Vt., on the 3d of February, 1865. If Judge Davis, who is now in his 78th year, and in fair health, shall live until the 3d of next February, he will be privileged to celebrate his golden jubilee as a practicing lawyer—fifty years of the honorable practice of an honorable profession—fifty years of hard work, of good citizenship, of fair dealings with his brother attorneys and with his clients. Last week, Judge Davis closed up his last court case, and announced to his friends that so far as the active court practice is concerned, he has done his work and has made his record. The judge will still visit his office, and his calm and level advice, based upon study and seasoned by the years, will still be available, but the days of contest and fighting in the court room are over.

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Give Fisher Send off.

Former Physical Director Ray L. Fisher, who has resigned his position at the college in order to fulfill his new contract with the New York Americans, was given an ovation by the men of the college on the evening of February 25th at the gymnasium and presented with a handsome loving-cup, suitably engraved.

The student body turned out to a man to greet "Pick" for the last time in his capacity as Physical Instructor. Clifford T. Day, '15, president of the College Union, made the presentation speech expressing the esteem and love with which "Pick" always has been regarded by the men of the college, and the loss which his absence would mean to the college. Professors Harrington and Wetherell also spoke words of appreciation of Mr. Fisher's services, Mr. Wetherell, who has long been associated with athletic activities, giving an idea of Fisher's work from the view point of the college proper.

Another gathering was held at the railway station on Saturday evening to see "Pick" started on his long trip to training camp, when cheers were given until the train had long left the station.